



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES  
**DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES**  
 STATE OF MAINE

**PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)**

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

*INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below. All responses (except signatures) must be typed; no hand-written forms will be accepted. See the guidance document posted with this form on the Division of Procurement Services intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.*

PART I: OVERVIEW			
Department Office/Division/Program:		Maine Department of Corrections	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Sonja Morse	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		N/A	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 225,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	<b>2023042600000002943</b>
<b>CONTRACT</b>	Proposed Start Date:	<b>7/1/2023</b>	Proposed End Date: 6/30/2024
<b>AMENDMENT</b>	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:
<b>GRANT</b>	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Restorative Justice Project Maine (RJP Maine), P.O. Box 141 Belfast, Maine 04915	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Restorative Justice	

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Competitive Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	G. Grant
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	<input type="checkbox"/>	I. Federal Agency Directed
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	<input type="checkbox"/>	J. Willing and Qualified
<input type="checkbox"/>	E. Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	K. Client Choice
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. University Cooperative Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	L. Other Authorization

*Please respond to ALL of the questions in the following sections.*

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

**PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

The Department of Corrections is in continued need for Restorative justice services in Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc Counties. This increase in demand for services results from restorative conferencing being the only diversion and intervention approach in prosecutorial district six that focuses on offender accountability for harm caused to victims. Through a facilitated conference, offenders, victims, family members, natural supports, and community representatives meet for a face-to-face interaction, reviewing what happened, who was affected and how, and coming up with an agreement for how the harm will be repaired.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

RJP MAINE has been providing effective Restorative Justice for over 13 years. RJP MAINE is the only provider that provides RJ services in Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc Counties. The provider will collaborate with Corrections and Department of Education to develop Restorative Practices programming for schools across the state. Each juvenile offender is assigned a screened and trained adult mentor for the period between the initial conference that develops the reparative agreement and a closing conference that celebrates the juvenile fulfilling the requirements of the agreement. Restorative justice works by recruiting citizens into the work of restoration of offenders, victims and communities. RJP MAINE has enrolled over 350 volunteer mentors, over 80 of whom are actively mentoring juvenile and adult offenders.

3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

This fee is reasonable considering the costs of other youth services, the costs of processing a juvenile through the court system in the absence of an effective alternative for diversion, the cost of DOC staff time associated with non-compliant juveniles who have been diverted, and the benefit of volunteer hours enlisted in support of correctional services.

4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.

If another Restorative Justice provider is able to serve Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc Counties, then an RFP will need to be issued

**PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)**

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?

Yes – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

No – If No, proceed to Part V.

**PART V: APPROVALS**

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	DocuSigned by: <i>Christine Thibeault</i> 1EE8D729BD7F495...		
Typed Name:	Christine Thibeault	Date:	6/14/2023
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>William J.E. Allen</i> 2D5B6E39F57E44A...		
Typed Name:	william J.E. Allen	Date:	6/30/2023

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